



LITTLE LAKE FIRE DISTRICT



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ORDINANCE NO. 18-2

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
MENDOCINO COUNTY,
PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, BY
PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE
AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, OR EXPLOSION;
ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2016 EDITION, ITS
APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AS A PRIMARY CODE AND THE
LATEST EDITION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE CODES OF THE NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION AS SECONDARY CODES AND STANDARDS, AS
GUIDELINES SPECIFICALLY REPEALING LLFPD ORDINANCE 10-1 AND ALL
OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT**

The Board of Directors of the Little Lake Fire Protection District, County of Mendocino, State of California, ordains as follows;

PART ONE

ADOPTION

ADOPTION – Under the Fire Protection District Law Of 1987; Chapter 5 General Powers and Duties, and under the California Health and Safety Code; Sections 13860-13869 and 17922, the 2016 California Fire Code, including all Appendices, published by the International Code Council (ICC), with amendments by additions and deletions thereto, and the California Building Standards, latest edition, are hereby adopted as primary codes of which copies are presently filed with the Secretary of the District Board of Directors. Also, the latest published, Building Construction and Safety Code Standards of the National Fire Protection Association as guidelines and the National Fire Codes are hereby adopted as model codes.

ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE – The California Fire Code as adopted *in its entirety* and amended herein may be enforced by the Office of Fire Prevention of the Little Lake Fire Protection District which is hereby established and which shall be operated under the Supervision of the Fire Chief *or his appointee*, who may also serve as the Fire Marshal of the Fire Department. *This ordinance also provides for the issuance of permits and collection of fees, fines or penalties.*



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PART TWO

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2016 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

AMENDMENT; Section 104 General Authority and Responsibilities

ADDITION; Section 104.1.1, Authority of the Fire Chief and the Fire Department

1. It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief with the necessary authority to do whatever may be deemed necessary by the Fire Chief for the safety and protection of property and citizens from fire hazards. The Fire Chief may delegate this power to any other member of the Fire Department.

ADDITION; Section 104.11.4, Removal of debris and rubble after a fire

1. The owner or person(s) having under their control or in their possession upon any premises in the District any debris resulting from such fire, must remove such substances and debris from such premises within four (4) days after notification by the Fire Chief or their representative.
2. Whenever any building or other structure in the District is partially burned, the owner thereof or the person in charge or control thereof, shall within ten days after notice from the Fire Chief or their Representative, remove all refuse, debris, charred and partially burned lumber and material from the ground; and if such building or other structure shall be burned to such an extent that it is rendered incapable of being repaired, the owner of the property upon which structure is located, or person in charge or control thereof, shall within ten days after notice from the Fire Chief or Building inspector, remove all the remaining portions of the building or structure, from the ground.
3. The Fire Chief may extend the ten (10) day period of removal of such burned or partially burned buildings, when the insurance adjustment, if any, is still pending.

AMENDMENT; Section 903.2, Where Required.

1. **Fire Protection Systems;** An automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be installed in the occupancies and locations set forth in section 903.2 with the following, more stringent requirements applied to all occupancy groups with the exception of Group R-3 dwellings and Group U Occupancies. An automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be installed throughout all new buildings three (3) or more stories in height or containing 16 or more dwelling units, or more than thirty (30) feet in height, and in all new buildings with a total floor area of more than five thousand (5,000) square



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feet. All new buildings or changes in occupancy that will house a use which, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, may create a substantial threat to life or property shall have an automatic fire-extinguishing system installed regardless of the size of the building. Such systems shall be installed in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standards and will be supervised by an automatic transmission of an alarm or trouble condition to an approved central station. It shall not be the intent of this requirement to reduce the more restrictive requirements of the California Fire Code (CFC) or the California Building Code (CBC).

2. **Fire Walls;** In attached structures, approved, four-hour masonry area separation walls, with parapets thirty (30) inches above the roof line and without penetrations *and with the approval of the Fire Chief*, may be substituted for the required fire extinguishing system if all separated areas are less than 5000 square feet in total floor area. In residential occupancies, an approved two-hour area separation wall *and with the approval of the Fire Chief*, may be substituted for the required fire-extinguishing system provided that all separated areas are less than 5000 square feet in floor area. Any openings in, or penetrations of, area separation shall conclusively presumed to be a fire hazard and subject to abatement under Chapter 1 of the 2016 California Fire Code (CFC).

3. **Additions;** For additions to any existing building which is not exempt, that result in the building's total floor area equaling or exceeding 5000 square feet in total floor area, or for additions to any building over 5000 square feet total floor area, such buildings shall meet the requirements for a new building.

Exception; One time additions, when required by the District for the purpose of conforming to state and local requirements, may be allowed if such additions do not exceed 250 square feet total floor area. R3 dwellings and U occupancies are exempt.

4. **Alterations or Repairs;** For alterations or repairs to an existing building which is not exempt, with 5000 square feet or more in total floor area that, within a 24-month period, exceeds 25% of the assessed valuation of the building, such building shall meet the sprinkler requirements for a new building.

5. **Residential Type Sprinkler Heads;** Whenever fire sprinkler systems are installed in residential occupancies, such sprinkler systems shall be equipped with approved and listed residential sprinkler heads in all living, attic, and sleeping areas.

6. **Design Criteria;** Whenever fire sprinkler systems are installed in buildings of undetermined use, they shall be designed and installed to have a sprinkler density that will accommodate Ordinary Hazard Group 2 with a minimum design area of 3000 square feet. Where a subsequent occupancy requires a system with greater capability, it shall be the building



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owner's responsibility to upgrade the system to the required density to meet any additional requirements of NFPA Standards 13, 15, 231, 231.C.

PART THREE

CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND APPEALS

- (a). The Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors hereby declares that; should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this Ordinance or of the California Fire Code hereby adopted and amended be declared, for any reason, to be invalid, it is the intent of the Board of Directors that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from any such portion as may be declared invalid.
- (b). Whenever the Fire Chief or their appointee refuses to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that certain provisions of this Code do not apply, the applicant may appeal such decisions to the Board of Directors of the Little Lake Fire Protection District within fifteen (15) days of the refusal of claim.
- (c). This Ordinance is not intended, and shall not be construed, to apply to any activity that is regulated by Federal, State or Local law, to the extent that such application of this Ordinance would conflict with such law or would unduly interfere with the achievement of Federal, State or local regulatory activities. It is the intention of the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors that this Ordinance shall be interpreted to be compatible with Federal, State and local enactments, and in furtherance of the public purposes which those enactments express.

PART FOUR

PENALTY CLAUSE

- (a). *Any person, corporation, or association found to be in violation of this Ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine. Under State Law, the maximum penalty the Board may establish for violating the ordinance dealing with fire safety, zoning or public health is a fine of \$2,000 per day for each day the ordinance is violated.*



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PART FIVE

PASSED AND APPROVED

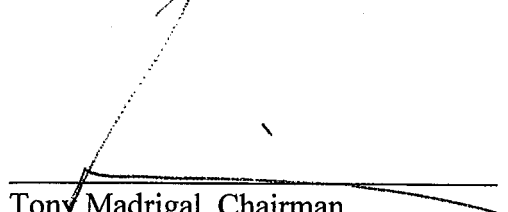
This Ordinance shall be and the same hereby declared to be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption by law.

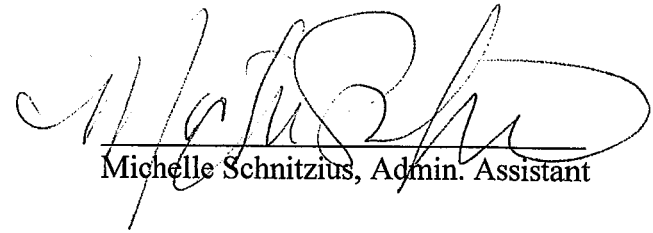
The foregoing Ordinance was introduced with first reading at a regular meeting of the Little Lake Protection Board of Directors held on the **13th** day of **March, 2018**, second reading occurred at a public hearing on the **8th** day of **May, 2018**, and adopted on the same date by the following vote.

AYES: Tony Madrigal, Tom Herman, Nancy Stipe, Arnie Mello and Skip Lucier

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE


Tony Madrigal, Chairman


Michelle Schnitzius, Admin. Assistant